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89. (Amended) A method for expressing a ligand capable of binding to a CD40 ligand receptor in a human cell that expresses a CD40 ligand receptor, comprising introducing a nucleic acid sequence encoding a domain or subdomain of human CD40 ligand and a domain or subdomain of non-human CD40 ligand into the cell.

D1 90. (Amended) A method for increasing the concentration of a ligand on the surface of a human cell, wherein the ligand is capable of binding to a CD40 ligand receptor, comprising introducing a nucleic acid sequence encoding a domain or subdomain of human CD40 ligand and a domain or subdomain of non-human CD40 ligand into the human cell, wherein the encoded CD40 ligand has increased stability on the surface of the cell relative to that of a human CD40 ligand.

D2 92. (Amended) The method of claim 89 or claim 90, wherein the non-human CD40 ligand domain or subdomain comprises a murine CD40 ligand domain or subdomain.

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D3 99. (Amended) The method of claim 92 wherein the nucleic acid sequence comprises SEQ ID NO. 3, SEQ ID NO. 4, SEQ ID NO. 5, SEQ ID NO. 6, SEQ ID NO. 7 or SEQ ID NO. 20.

100. (Amended) The method of claim 99 wherein the nucleic acid sequence comprises SEQ ID NO. 3.

D4 103. (Amended) A method for expressing a ligand capable of binding to a CD40 ligand receptor in a human cell that expresses a CD40 ligand receptor, comprising introducing a nucleic acid sequence encoding a domain or subdomain of human CD40 ligand and a domain or subdomain of a non-human ligand selected from the group

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D4 consisting of CD40 ligand, TNF-alpha, TNF-beta, CD70, CD30 ligand, 4-1 BBL, nerve growth factor and TNF-related apoptosis inducing ligand (TRAIL).

104. (Amended) The method of claim 103 or claim 137, wherein the non-human ligand domain or subdomain comprises a murine ligand domain or subdomain.

D5 108. (Amended) A method for expressing a ligand capable of binding to a CD40 ligand receptor in a human cell that expresses a CD40 ligand receptor, comprising introducing a nucleic acid sequence encoding a domain or subdomain of human CD40 ligand and a domain or subdomain of a human ligand selected from the group consisting of CD40 ligand, TNF-alpha, TNF-beta, CD70, CD30 ligand, 4-1 BBL, nerve growth factor and TNF-related apoptosis inducing ligand (TRAIL).

109. (Amended) The method of claim 108 or 138, wherein the human CD40 ligand comprises Domain IV, or a subdomain of Domain IV, of human CD40 ligand.

Please add claims 137 and 138 as follows.

D6 137. (New) A method for increasing the concentration of a ligand on the surface of a human cell, wherein the ligand is capable of binding to a CD40 ligand receptor, comprising introducing a nucleic acid sequence encoding a domain or sub-domain of human CD40 ligand and a non-human ligand selected from the group consisting of CD40 ligand, TNF-alpha, TNF-beta, CD70, CD30 ligand, 4-1 BBL, nerve growth factor and TNF-related apoptosis inducing ligand (TRAIL).

138. (New) A method for increasing the concentration of a ligand on the surface of a human cell, wherein the ligand is capable of binding to a CD40 ligand receptor, comprising introducing a nucleic acid sequence encoding a domain or sub-domain of

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D6 human CD40 ligand and a human ligand selected from the group consisting of CD40 ligand, TNF-alpha, TNF-beta, CD70, ~~CD30 ligand~~, 4-1 BBL, nerve growth factor and TNF-related apoptosis inducing ligand (TRAIL).